And that should lead us to think about what an odd spot we're in in history.

**We are the 2nd race of people on earth who have had to rethink this hard; about church and community relationships.**

When we think of our parents, most of them grew up in the community, Inherited, **by culture, language, faith, or place.**

We may be the first people on the face of the earth who have to say, if we value community as a nesting place for families, and if we value community as a tool for solving problems,

**we have to get serious about reinventing and strengthening communities.**

One of the things this lead us to do is go back into the millennia of human history; where people, in fact, did know about community. and, lo, and behold, there are an awful lot of resources.

We just spent six months going through the old and new testaments, finding community stories and thinking about what lessons they have to teach us.

Here's the moral, first of all: **You will learn only what you already know.** If there is anybody in here who like me, this is a humbling through.

Here's the story The church elders had failed time after time to resolve a difficult problem, so they invited a very wise person